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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

As a Preliminary Amendment to the attached Patent Application, please enter the
following amendments prior to computing the required filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice.

Please add claim 11 as follows:

--11. A load handling apparatus comprising at least one first elongate member
having means for engaging a load and at least one second elongate member pivotally
connected to said first-mentioned elongate member, and actuating means cooperating
with said first and second elongate members to change the angular orientation of said first
and second elongate members relative to each other;